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SUBJECT: HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS REACTOR PROGRAM

1. ERDA BRUSSELS HAS BEEN INFORMED BY JOHN DENORDWALD OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG III (INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS) THAT ON JULY 2, TWO MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE EC FRAMEWORK ON HTGR'S. ONE MEETING WAS IN HELSINKI BY MEMBERS OF UNIPEDE (EUROPEAN UNION OF ELECTRICITY PRODUCERS), AND THE OTHER IN BRUSSELS BY MEMBERS OF UNICE (EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS). THESE MEETINGS WERE PART OF AN ATTEMPT BY THE EC,SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES,TO MAKE A CASE FOR A COMMON EUROPEAN POLICY SUPPORTING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF GAS COLLED REACTORS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

2. ALTHOUGH DENORDWALD HAS ONLY RECEIVED FORMAL INFORMATION ON HTE UNICE MEETING,HE STATED THAT BOTH MEETINGS WILL RESULT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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MANUFACTURERS AND UTILITIES COOPERATE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL COST OF A PLANT, UP TO THE LIGHT WATER REACTOR (LWR) EQUIVALENT COST. NATIONAL PROGRAMS WOULD HANDLE REQUIRED DEVELOPMENT AND THE EC WOULD HAVE A ROLE IN EXTRAORDINARY COSTS AND RISK.

3. THE RECOMMENDED ROLE OF THE EC IS NOT FIRM, BUT A POSITION PAPER IS NOW IN FINAL PREPARATION AND A DRAFT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE (INFORMAL) TO ERDA BRUSSELS WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

4. COMMENT: DENORDWALD WORKED ON THE NOW DEFUNCT DRAGON PROJECT IN ENGLAND, AND HAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO EC HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HE ATTENDED THE INFORMAL UNIPED MEETINGS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF GAS REACTORS IN EUROPE, WHICH WERE ORGANIZED IN LIGHT OF APPARENT DRASTIC REDUCTIONS OF EFFORTS IN THE US. WHILE THE VERY UNCERTAIN GERMAN HTGR PROGRAM REMAINS THE MAIN EUROPEAN EFFORT, THE CONTINUING EC ATTEMPTS TO EFFECT DIRECT INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF A HTGR PROGRAM APPEARS WORTH FOLLOWING. END COMMENT

5. DENORDWALD REQUESTED A COPY OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED ARTHUR D LITTLE STUDY FOR ERDA CONCERNING HTGR DEVELOPMENT IN THE US. IF THIS STUDY REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION, REQUEST THREE COPIES BE SENT TO ERDA BRUSSELS TO SATISFY THIS REQUEST AND ANTICIPATED INTEREST BY OTHER EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS. B
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